The Daily Movie Magazine

FOR THE FILM FAN'S SCRAPBOOK



We will be glad to publish the pictures of such screen players as are suggested by the fans

THE MOVIE FAN'S LETTERBOX

By HENRY M. NEELY

good as a 'typewriter,' but you just allegations and insinuations against this should see how bad I am as a 'hand-writer.' So beforehand I ask you to please excuse any forthcoming mistakes for I'm afraid that my thoughts the just the slightest hint of scandal and they'll become every looking for "Why am I writing." Like all of the the rest of it. So you are not above the the them the bug has gotten me. "they say class. It was a disappointwill run away from my fingers.

The writing Like all of the the bug has gotten me. It saw this morning (Sunday) with the left clayton a picture of Vernon Steel in 'For the Defense.' Please, sir, (respect for gray hairs.') tell me where as an artist he towers head and should be has been for the last couple of ders over the pack of mangy contemporary and appearance of the pack of the pac years. Last time I saw him was in poraries and scurrilous critics. He gave some kind of a show in which he was the finest portrayal of villainy that has

some kind of a show in which he was a ghost most of the time, a lovely tall ghost with eyes (oh, oui, oui)—with eyes). Like Rodie, that is one of his strong points. To be absolutely truthful I have absolutely no idea at all if he can act, but I KNOW that he looks like a spiritual Greek god. I'd just as soon that you didn't print this conglomeration but I would like it if you would print a picture of Steel and tell me if he can act (in your opinion) and anything else about him that appeals to you as noteworthy.

*Speaking of Steel makes me think story of the erect man who went into of another leading man that I liked, the land of hunchbacks and, because

that you are tall some day they might announce to you that a lady (?) was in the outer office asking if she mightn't be just once 'the lady that goes to the movies with me.'

"Real friendly criticism of plays

"Real friendly criticism of plays and players has always appealed to me gent as you purport to be could be sufand so I have enjoyed your column, very much. You write the movie reviews in the Evening Public Ledger too, don't you? Then why don't you write them in the morning Public Ledger? For some time I have noticed that the two reviewers often disagree greatly in their opinions. The most appealing ones to this family are the ones that suggest story, tell some about the characters and do not really give a thing away but arouse interest. For instance, one review I read somewhere about 'Fair Lady' said that if the fan really observed he could tell early in the story who the villain was because of the remarkable ring. That was a mean one to print, for it spoiled the whole mystery for any one in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER too.

spoiled the whole mystery for any one who had read it.

"As for my likes, of course I like almost all of the good-looking ones merely for their smiles or eyes or for instance Rodie's Argentine dance, but when it comes to actors any day I'll give the palm to Theodore Roberts of

(Steel has been dividing his time between stage and pictures, though he hasn't been in many of the latter recently. 'The Witness for the Defense,' and 'The Highest Bidder' were the last I saw him in until the Ethel Clayton film you mention. I'll try to get a picture of the gentleman and print it, but I'm not obliging you by witholding your letter, because I generally figure when a lady says 'I'd just as soon you didn't' she means. 'Oh, all right, go ahead.' I put Steel in the class with Conway Tearle, Sills, Kirkwood, and a number of others—good actors but not 'star' material. Steel was born in Santiago, Chile, educated in England, and on the stage played leading roles with Phyllis Neilson Terry, Lily Brayton, Oscar Asche, Forbes-Robertson and George Alexan-(Steel has been dividing his time Forbes-Robertson and George Alexan-der. He's six feet tall, weighs 155 pounds, has brown hair and his "out out" eyes are hazel. I have a New York address for him at 5d West 11th atreet, but I doubt its accuracy. Peil Trenton was with I niversal last time I heard, but that was a good while ago. Nobedy ever announces that there's somebody in the outer office who wants to see me. I haven't any-body to do the announcing and I haven't any outer office. Golly, you'd like to wish a heavy job on my shoul-

haven't any enter office. Golly, you'd like to wish a heavy job on my shoulders—reviews for two papers. Please guess again on that subject. I don't blame you for being mad at reviews that give away the plot. Roberts and Francis—I like your choice: Thankfor the inclosed information on the lade's bulk! lady's hair.) "Kensington Liliom" writes: A bright remark: 'Some things are better left unsaid.' I have tried to hold my peace and keep in check my temper. Just when I thought we had picked every bit of meat off the carcass of Eric and left his bones to bleach on the sarcophagus of our disapproval you have to resurrect the skeleton and dangle it before our eyes. Honestly, Henry, you get my goat. Many a burning hour of insomnia I speut thinking of the things I would like to say to you, but I re-frained. But your gleating has gonden me to the point of declaration. The mirit is well intentioned, but the flesh is not so strong; my heresy has over-my friendship. I take up my pen iell you that I thought you were a

fering from a lingering dose of war hysteria? Your revulsion toward the German-officer type is quite natural. But why don't you have an American flag at the top of your column, or perhaps a picture of Roosevelt, with those famous words of Patrick Henry in italies underneath? Possibly you could get the readers to submit inspirational poetry. like 'The Marines of the Marne,' or something. But personally, Henry, if I were you I would not step on the tremolo too often. Leave that to your correspondents; they do it so much better.

nuch better.
"P. S.—Bones don't bleach in a sarcophagus, but it doesn't matter."

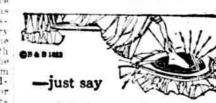
(I certainly am glad that my "allegations and insinuation," geaded you from out of your silence, because your letter was the most refreshing and most league. letter was the most refreshing and most spontaneous and gave me more laughs than anything I've had in ages. I began by chuckling and ended by roaring. I was going to simply print your letter without comment or answer, but the last paragraph or so changed my mind. I must insist that my shafts at Von Stroheim have had nothing whatsoever to do with nationality or patriotism. to do with nationality or patriotism. Aside from that, you've got me in too good a humor to pick another fight with me. I'll return your goat by parcel post as soon as I find him among the piles of letters on my desk.)

Toots writes: "Although I am quite a 'movie fan,' I have never yet ttempted to write to the Movie Fans' Letter Box. But after seeing 'Smilin' Through,' it was impossible for me to resist the temptation of writing. Well, the first thing I can do is rave. I think Norma Talmadge is wonderful, don't you, Mr. Neely? Why, her acting was superb-she acted her part as if she were living it. Oh, Mr. Neely, it's useless for me to try to tell you what I think, but don't you know my senti-ments? I hope you understand. Don't you think Mae Murray was great in 'Pencock Alley'? As for Monte Blue-well, he takes Valentino's place in that little corner of my heart devoted to you and movie actors. (I know Rodolph's broken-hearted, but I don't care, as I have a Rodolph of my own, only his name isn't Rodolph.) Please answer Miriam writes: "I'm not so very chump in the Von Stroheim case. Your what you think of 'Smilin' Through."

(After a picture that is particularly



Corns?



Blue-jay to your druggist

of another leading man that I liked, of another leading man that I liked, Pell Trenton. He played with Clara Young in 'House of Glass' tnot as lead) and as support of Viola Dana in her picture about Japan — name forgotteen but something like 'Cherry Blossom.' It was one of the featured blooting except jeers and hisses from the clay's market place so great was the crowd and so violent the fibbing and blooting that a priest had to adjure them, saying: 'Let us not make sport of this poor unfortunate stranger, who is so unlike us; rather let us go into the four attractive gibbosities' Weil, the gods because they have blest us with our attractive gibbosities' Weil, the fellow who wrote that was known to the mind.

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good [or particularly bad] comes to the city, I get scores of letters, like this one, asking me to comment on it. And they keep on coming, after I've expressed my opinion a half dozen times—never seem to see it. Why, Toots, I'll bet I've said ten times how much I liked "Smilin' Through," and Norma's acting. There's one thing though—your mention of her seeming to live her part. That would imply that the part was very, very realistic to you. That's one way "Smilin' Through" did not impress me. Sentimental romances of its variety couldn't. Beautiful—postication of fess to a strong partiality for the former variety though, so that may be why I liked it so much.)

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